

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Page 5, line 5, change " λ " to -- λ --;

line 7, change "a unit." to --unity---.

Page 6, line 2, delete "a".

Page 11, line 12, change "second" (second occurrence) to --first--.

Page 15, line 6, delete "depth of the",

line 22, change "an" to --and--.

Page 16, between lines 4 and 5, add the following new paragraph:

--According to another embodiment of the invention, there is provided an optical device including a diffractive optical element having features in accordance with any of the above aspects of the invention---.

Page 23, line 7, delete "in".

Page 33, line 10, delete "1".

Page 37, line 12, after "as" insert --a--.

Page 42, line 21, change "brazed" to --blazed--.

Page 43, line 7, after "as" insert --a--.

Page 44, line 4, change "the" to --The-- and after "lens" insert ---;

line 5, delete "having.".

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Page 46, line 21, after "configuration" change "," to ---.

Page 47, line 2, change "the" (first occurrence) to --The--.

Page 49, line 13, delete "an".

Page 52, line 18, change "n₂," (second occurrence) to --n₄,--.

Page 54, line 17, delete "in".

Page 60, line 25, change "The" to --the--.

Page 68, line 13, change "flare and ghost." to --flares and
ghosts---.

Page 74, line 12, change "flare and ghost" to --flares and
ghosts--;

line 13, change "occur." to --occurs---;

line 15, after "as" insert --a--.

Page 76, line 24, change "diving" to --dividing--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-7 and 16, without prejudice or
disclaimer.

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 10, line 31, delete "depth of the".

Claim 11, line 2, delete "9 or 10,"

line 3, change "second" to --first--;